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Vital Statistics.

Population	3,698
Number of Houses	1,050
Product of a penny rate	£81

	1950	1949	England & Wales 1950
BIRTHS total ...	57	44	
Rate per 1,000 pop.	16.01	12.13	15.8
Illegimate births total ...	6	2	
STILL BIRTHS total	1	2	
Rate per 1,000 pop.	.27	.57	.37
DEATHS total ...	41	52	
Rate per 1,000 pop.	9.52	12.29	11.6
From Typhoid ...	0	0	
,, Whooping Cough	0	0	
,, Diphtheria ...	0	0	
,, Tuberculosis	1	3	
,, Influenza ...	1	2	
,, Small-pox ..	0	0	
,, Acute polio-myelitis	0	0	
,, Pneumonia	2	0	
Under one year total	1	1	
Per 1,000 live births	17.5	22.7	29.8

Maternal Morbidity and Mortality.

No notifications of puerperal pyrexia were received, and there were no deaths from pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

Water Report.

The bacteriological reports were in every instance First Class, Ministry of Health grading 1.

National Assistance Act 1948.

In one case only was it necessary to take action under section 47 of this Act, in respect of an aged infirm person, living alone, who was sent to the local Social Welfare Institution on a magistrates' order, and reported on every three months.

Sanitary Inspection.

During routine inspection of Schools, the Sanitary Inspector reported to me that the Technical Institute, at which school-dinners for many small schools are cooked, was not, in his opinion, properly ventilated, and there was steam running down the walls and from the ceilings. I visited the premises whilst dinner was being prepared, and wrote to the County Medical Offiicer of Health, who is also School Medical Officer: at his request, the County Architect visited and reported on the premises, and reported to the Director of Education. The difficulty in building is obviously great, and the demand for school dinners caught the School Authorities at an awkward moment. The whole building is structurally unsuitable for the purpose for which it is used, and the best is being made of the awkward condition.

Infectious Diseases.

Notice was received in March 1950 of a contact from a small-pox case who had moved into this district from the Port of London Authority. Immediately on receipt of this notification, I visited the premises and the man visited his doctor daily until he returned to the P.L.A. He had been re-vaccinated, and there was no danger, just supervision in case of accident.

(*Signed*)

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